

The background of the slide is a photograph of an offshore oil platform. The platform is a complex structure with multiple levels, yellow railings, and a helipad on top. It is situated in the middle of a blue ocean with white-capped waves. The text is overlaid on this image.

Introduction

Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee

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Role of the Committee

- **Role: Provide advice to DOE**
 - Provide recommendations on the development and priorities of the research program
 - Look at objectives of the initial annual plan within context of 10 year plan
 - Focus on Consortium-administered portion of the Plan, and also comment on NETL research and potential for duplication between NETL and Consortium portions
- **Guidance**
 - Focus on big picture. Don't rewrite plan but advise on strengths and weaknesses.
 - Consensus is good, but should not be forced.
 - Majority opinion with minority viewpoint is fine.

The background of the slide is a photograph of an offshore oil rig, likely a jack-up rig, situated in the middle of a blue body of water. The rig has a yellow and white structure with a red helipad on top. The water is slightly choppy, and the overall scene is industrial and maritime.

Committee Objective

- **Objective: Finalize Committee advice by July 2007**
 - During Today's meeting
 - Speakers provide background presentations
 - Committee asks clarifying questions
 - Facilitated Committee Discussions
 - Initiate discussion on Plan
 - Develop process to complete Committee work
 - July Meeting in Houston
 - Complete and vote on final comments for inclusion in Plan to be submitted to Secretary

Strategic Questions for the Committee

- **Does the plan, as a whole, represent the best approach for utilizing the R&D funds available?**
- **Are the plan's goals & objectives appropriate?**
 - Do they comply with the intent of EPACT 999?
 - Are they achievable yet challenging?
 - Do annual activities work toward long-term goals?
- **Are the proposed R&D themes appropriate?**
 - Do number of themes fit the expected budget?
 - Do they allow flexibility given the uncertainty of response?
- **Is the solicitation process appropriate?**
 - Fair and open, competitive, transparent?